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Recall of Gen. Taylor

PRESIDENT KENNEDY has recalled to active service Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, who had retired after 41 years of service, four as chief of staff, to become his adviser on intelligence and military developments and to serve as his representative in top military matters.

Thus Kennedy has elevated a man who criticized former President Eisenhower's administration for not modernizing the Army, but he is a man who has the respect of high ranking officers of all services because of his ability and personality.

The President has taken a wise action, for in this situation—that is the cold war stepped up by the Berlin dispute — he needs one upon whom he can rely for calm and unbiased judgment at his right hand, as Admr. W. D. Leahy served as chief of staff to the commander-in-chief, the President, during World War II.

Gen. Taylor is not being given any authority over the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the CIA or the National Security Council, but he undoubtedly will be given access to their information and will advise the President as to his opinion on procedures. He can be invaluable.